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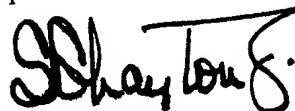
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The patents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are cited herein because they were cited in the Search Report of corresponding United Kingdom Application No. GB 9926374.1. A copy of the Search Report and the cited references are enclosed. The Examiner may also wish to consider the notations on the Search Report itself regarding the relevance of each item.

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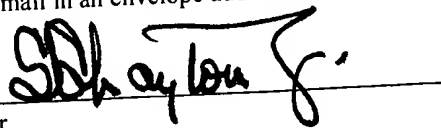


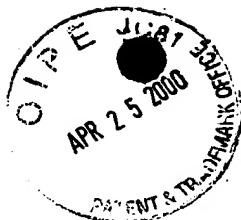
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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
Y	EP 0700178 A2 (FUJITSU) See e.g. the abstract and figure 4	1, 4 & 5
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